

Welcome to Sweetwater Regional Park



To the west you can see San Diego Bay and the Pacific Ocean. To the east are majestic views of the Sweetwater Reservoir and rugged backcountry mountains. You’re standing in the campground of Sweetwater Regional Park, and surrounding you is a unique county recreational area.



At the Hub of South Bay Recreation

Visitors to Sweetwater Regional Park have quite a palette of activities to choose from. The Sweetwater Regional Park Campground rests atop a hill overlooking the Sweetwater Valley and offers modern campsites—including some with corrals for equestrians who want to bring their horses and explore the 16 miles of trails in the park. Below the Summit are hundreds of acres of open space including chaparral and river habitat that provide a rich variety for hikers, horseback riders, and mountain bikers. Sweetwater Regional Park is especially appealing for people who want to get away—but not too far away. It’s only 10 miles southeast of

downtown San Diego, so in a matter of minutes you can get from your campsite to the Gaslamp Quarter and its fine dining, or to the world famous San Diego Zoo and museums of Balboa Park. There are several golf courses nearby, and Sweetwater Reservoir offers shoreline fishing on Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays from sunrise to sunset. Call (619) 409-6777 for information.

Facilities

Campers, trailers, motor homes, and tent camping are all options at our 112 sites, all of which have water and electricity. Trailers as long as 45 feet will find plenty of room here, and all sites include sewer services or use of the dump station facilities. All campers have 24-hour access to hot showers; there is an outdoor amphitheater, which can be reserved for group functions. Other amenities include a partially enclosed day-use pavilion with kitchen facility and private lawn area. An adjacent local park features one large and four small pavilions, as well as lawn areas and picnic tables with panoramic views of the countryside. Reservations must be made for organized events in the local park. One of the highlights at the park is a tropical-themed aquatic playground, sure to be a hit with children. Passes are sold on a first-come, first served basis. The Community Building is nestled on the edge of the meadows, above the shoreline of Sweetwater Reservoir. This glassed-in modern facility is available for rent, and features an outdoor patio with breathtaking views of the lake, an indoor great room designed for special events, a kitchenette, playground and ample guest parking.

You’ll find more outdoor adventures in these other San Diego County camping parks!

Agua Caliente – A very popular park during the winter, this desert oasis 20 miles south of Borrego Springs is known for its beauty and solitude, and for the soothing mineral waters in its two naturally fed pools.

Dos Picos – Sheltered by steep, boulder-strewn mountain slopes, this park near Ramona is designed to highlight the ancient oak groves that make your stay here memorable.

Guajome – Only minutes away from the Pacific Ocean, Guajome Regional Park in North County is known both for its rich natural habitats (including a small, beautiful lake) and its historic Rancho Guajome adobe.

Lake Morena – The spectacular lake is a magnet for anglers, yet the 3,250 acres of this East County park offer something for every outdoor enthusiast, from hikers to picnickers to just plain campers.

Potrero – Quiet solitude describes this park, but it’s also near some adventurous places, such as historic Campo and the colorful Mexican town of Tecate.

Vallecito – The reconstructed sod Butterfield Stage Station is at the heart of this desert refuge, which is a great home base from which to explore the wonders of the Anza-Borrego Desert.

William Heise – This park lies amid 900 acres of mountain forests. The nearby town of Julian is a great place to visit.

RULES & REGULATIONS

- CAMPFIRES:** Must be confined to existing barbecues or fire rings. See ranger for current campfire rules.
- PETS:** Pets are permitted if they are properly restrained and under the control of the owner. Dogs must be licensed, restrained on a leash not longer than six feet, and attended at all times.
- WASTE WATER:** Please dispose of all waste water in an approved dump station, never on the ground.
- VEGETATION & NATURAL FEATURES:** All plants, animals, natural features, and archaeological resources are fully protected and may not be damaged, injured, or removed. Please check with your ranger for firewood — he or she generally has a supply to sell for campfires. Please do not gather it from within the park.
- TREES:** Do not tie or hang ropes, wire, or tents to trees. Do not drive nails, screws, or staples into trees.
- GENERATORS:** Use of generators is prohibited.
- NOISE:** To insure each park guest’s pleasure and peace, quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Of course, excessive noise and loud music is discouraged at all times.
- FIREARMS & WEAPONS:** Firearms, fireworks, and weapons are not permitted in County Parks.
- YOUTH:** All persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a legally responsible adult with medical authorization for each child while camping in the park.
- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** Alcoholic beverages are permitted providing the alcohol content does not exceed 20%.

NOTE: *Residence in the park is contingent upon guests maintaining their immediate camping area in a safe and clean condition and complying with all park rules. Failure to comply will result in a suspension of camping privileges and loss of prepaid fees.*

RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION



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